

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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 MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: :

Bravo Lounge, LLC :
 t/a Bravo Lounge :
 2917 Georgia Ave NW : Show Cause
 Retailer CT - ANC 1B : Hearing (Status)
 License No. 92059 :
 Case #17-CMP-00701 :
 (Failed to maintain :
 invoices and delivery :
 slips, Failed to have :
 books and records open :
 for inspection, and :
 Superintending the :
 establishment while :
 under the influence) :

Wednesday
 May 23, 2018

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
 met in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing
 Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street, N.W.,
 Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009, Chairperson
 Donovan W. Anderson, presiding.

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson
 NICK ALBERTI, Member
 BOBBY CATO, JR., Member
 MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member
 JAMES SHORT, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

MICHAEL RESSOM, Licensee

LOUISE PHILLIPS, DC OAG

JESSICA GUNZEL, DC OAG

1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 9:59 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. The
4 next case on our calendar is Case No. 17-CMP-
5 00701, Bravo Lounge, License No. 92059.

6 Will the parties, please, appear and
7 identify themselves for the record, please?

8 MR. RESSOM: I'm Michael Resson.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Michael who?

10 MR. RESSOM: Resson.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Risa? And who
12 are you, Mr. Risa?

13 MR. RESSOM: I'm the owner for the
14 bar.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're the
16 owner for the bar. The reason I'm asking, I
17 always ask everyone. I didn't look at the Board
18 briefing to see who is the owner, so when folks
19 always -- I always ask them to let me know what
20 their relationship to the establishment is.

21 MR. RESSOM: Oh.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So it's not

1 that I don't trust you --

2 MR. RESSOM: Oh, no, no, that's fine.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- or believe
4 you. It's coming from that perspective.

5 MR. RESSOM: Yeah, this is my first
6 time, so I don't know all the procedures.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So
8 please, sign-in on the sign-in sheet there.

9 Okay. Yes?

10 MS. PHILLIPS: Louise Phillips,
11 Assistant Attorney General for the District of
12 Columbia and Ms. Gunzel, G-U-N-Z-E-L.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Oh, Gunzel.
14 Ms. Phillips and Gunzel, good morning. Well,
15 since, Ms. Gunzel, I was told is going to be here
16 a whole lot, it will take me -- I will get it.
17 Okay? So I just wanted to let you know that I'm
18 bad with names, but as the more you appear in
19 front of me, that if I still am making the same
20 type of mistakes, then you can tell me that I'm
21 wrong. But right now, I'm still in learning
22 process of your name.

1 All right. Are there any preliminary
2 matters in this case?

3 MS. PHILLIPS: Yes, there are, Mr.
4 Chair. The parties have an Offer in Compromise
5 to present to the Board. There are three
6 charges. Charge 1, \$1,500 to be paid within 60
7 days or the matter -- or the license will be
8 suspended until it is paid.

9 Charge 2 is a mandatory warning.

10 Charge 3 is \$1,500 to be paid within
11 60 days or the license will be suspended until
12 the fine is paid.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. All
14 right. All right. Mr. Resson, right?

15 MR. RESSOM: Yes.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Resson. I did
17 not write your name down, so I had to go find it.

18 MR. RESSOM: That's fine.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. So all
20 right. All right. Mr. Resson, it's my
21 understanding that there is an Offer in
22 Compromise. And the Offer in Compromise is that

1 there is a fine of \$1,500 for Charge 1. For
2 Charge 2 that there is a warning will be issued.
3 For Charge 3 a fine of \$1,500. And that the fine
4 will be payable within 60 days. If the fine is
5 not payable in 60 days, your license will be
6 suspended until the fine has been paid.

7 Is this your understanding, sir, of
8 the Offer in Compromise?

9 MR. RESSOM: Yes, sir.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you aware
11 that by accepting an Offer in Compromise, that
12 you are giving up your right to a hearing?

13 MR. RESSOM: Yes, sir.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you also
15 aware that by accepting an Offer in Compromise,
16 that you are giving up your right to appeal this
17 matter?

18 MR. RESSOM: Yes, sir.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: With this said,
20 I then make a motion of the Offer in Compromise
21 for Charge 1 a fine of \$1,500, for Charge 2 a
22 mandatory warning, for Charge 3 a fine of \$1,500,

1 that the fine will be payable within 60 days. If
2 it's not payable in 60 days, the license will be
3 suspended until the fine has been paid. Is there
4 a second?

5 MEMBER SHORT: Second.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has
7 seconded the motion.

8 All those in favor say aye.

9 ALL: Aye.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those opposed?
11 The matter passes 5-0-0.

12 Thank you for this. We will have you
13 sign-off on this paperwork and so you will have
14 60 days from today to pay this.

15 And I'll also mention to you, sir, as
16 I have done with the previous Agency --
17 applicant, I'm sorry, licensee, we do have -- the
18 Agency does have a training coming up in June.
19 And I would ask that you avail yourself of that
20 training, so I don't have the pleasure of seeing
21 you again. And I say that to all parties.

22 Usually when I see you, it's when you

1 get in trouble. And I don't like seeing folks.
2 I don't like folks to get in trouble, so if you
3 are available when we have our training, the
4 staff can let you know when the training is in
5 June to make sure that whatever infraction you
6 did, you don't have -- I won't have the pleasure
7 of seeing you again, sir. Okay?

8 MR. RESSOM: Okay.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. You
10 have a good day.

11 MR. RESSOM: Thank you.

12 (Whereupon, the Show Cause (Status)
13 Hearing was concluded at 10:04 a.m.)

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